GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5164
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TV SERIAL ON RANA PRATAP
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the serial Rana Pratap being telecast on Doordarshan has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any request to re-start this serial; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has intimated that the serial `Rana Pratap` which wastelecast on weekly basis on Thursdays at 9.30 p.m with effect from1.1.1998 was discontinued by the producer as he could not muster requisite sponsorship for the serial.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. A request to restart the telecast of the serial was received by the Government and the same was considered in consultation with Prasar Bharati. Prasar Bharati has intimated that the producer of the serial was asked to fulfil the requisite formalities which he has not done so far.